

# County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

AUTHORIZE FUNDING AGREEMENT
WITH THE FORD THEATRE FOUNDATION
AND
APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

The recommended actions will authorize a funding agreement with the Ford Theatre Foundation for a grant of \$9,745,000 for the implementation of theatre repair and maintenance projects at the John Anson Ford Theatre.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- Find that the repair, maintenance and replacement projects to be executed under the subject Funding Agreement with the Ford Theatre Foundation are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the projects consist of repair and maintenance of existing facilities; and replacement of existing equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing use and as cited herein.
- 2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to execute a funding agreement with the Ford Theatre Foundation for repair, maintenance, and other improvement projects at the John Anson Ford Theatre.

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- 3. Approve the appropriation adjustment to transfer \$9,745,000 in Third District Capital Improvement net County cost from the Ford Theatre Office Development and Site Expansion to the Project and Facility Development Budget for the Ford Theatre Foundation Funding Agreement
- 4. Authorize the Ford Theatre Foundation to manage and deliver the repair, maintenance, and refurbishment projects at the John Anson Ford Theatre upon execution of a Right of Entry Permit with the Chief Executive Office.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the transfer of funds to the Ford Theatre Foundation (Foundation) to execute repair and maintenance projects at the John Anson Ford Theatre (Ford Theatre).

The Ford Theatre complex is one of the oldest performing arts venues in Los Angeles that is still in use. The venue hosts nearly 200 diverse dance, music, theater, film, and family events each year. The amphitheatre, originally named the Pilgrimage Theatre, was rebuilt and re-opened in 1931 after the original 1920 structure was destroyed in a brush fire in 1929. In 1941, the land on which the Ford Theatre stands was deeded to the County of Los Angeles (County). The theatre was renamed the John Anson Ford Theatre in 1976, and was used intermittently until the creation of the Ford Amphitheatre Season in 1993. Since the first year of the Ford Amphitheatre Season, the program has grown from only 12 to the 200 performances.

In the past several decades, the County has made over \$6.1 million in refurbishments and capital improvements to the facility to meet modern safety, access, and performance standards. At 82 years old, the Ford Theatre building's structure and deteriorating infrastructure are in need of repair or replacement. To improve functionality and performance operations, refurbishments are needed to enhance configuration, preserve historic features.

The scope of work to be implemented by the Foundation includes the repair and/or replacement of performance equipment, fixtures, and infrastructure including, heating ventilation and air conditioning, utilities, and fire protection systems.

Pursuant to County Code 208.161.11, the Chief Executive Officer will execute a Right of Entry Permit with the Foundation to grant it permission to implement the subject repair and maintenance projects at the County-owned Ford Theatre.

# <u>Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals</u>

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3), by leveraging resources through integrated County services that result in improved outcomes for County residents.

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### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the attached appropriation adjustment will authorize the transfer of \$9,745,000 in Third District Capital Improvement net County cost from Capital Project No. 75868, Ford Theatre Office Development and Site Expansion, to the Project and Facility Development Budget to fund the subject repair and maintenance projects. The Fiscal Year 2012-13 Capital Projects and Refurbishments Budget has sufficient appropriation, under Capital Project No. 75868, to fund the recommended appropriation adjustment.

## FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to California Government Code 26227, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors may contract with other public agencies, private agencies, or individuals to operate those programs, which the Board of Supervisors determines will serve public purposes.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The repair, maintenance and replacement projects to be executed under the subject Funding Agreement with the Ford Theatre Foundation are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), because the projects are within in a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(a), (b) and (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(c) and (d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines. Appendix G, because the projects involve the repair and maintenance of existing facilities; and replacement of existing equipment involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

# **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

A standard funding agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The recommended actions are administrative in nature and will have no impact on County programs or projects. The Foundation's implementation of the projects will have no impact on County programs or projects, as it will conduct all repair and maintenance projects in the Ford Theatre's off seasons.

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# **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors County Counsel Auditor-Controller

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#### **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

## REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT

DEPT'S. NO.

060

DEPARTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

December 18, 2012

**AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** 

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. PLEASE CONFIRM THE ACCOUNTING ENTRIES AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

#### ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

#### FY 2012-13

3 - VOTES

**SOURCES** 

USES

VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS
Ford Theatre Office Development and Site Expansion (3)
A01-CP-6014-65099-75868
Capital Assets-Building and Improvements
DECREASE APPROPRIATION \$9,745,000

PROJECT & FACILITY DEVELOPMENT A01-CF-5500-10190 Other Charges INCREASE APPROPRIATION

\$9,745,000

**SOURCES TOTAL:** \$ 9,745,000

**USES TOTAL:** \$ 9,745,000

# **JUSTIFICATION**

Reflects transfer of \$9,745,000 in Capital Assets Building and Improvements appropriation from Various - Ford Theatre Office Development and Site Expansion, CP No. 75868 to the Project & Facility Development Budget, Other Charges (5500) for a funding agreement with the John Anson Ford Theatre Foundation to fund implementation and completion of repair, maintenance and refurbishment projects at the County of Los Angeles John Anson Ford Theatre.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S APPROVAL (AS REQUESTED/REVISED)

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR—

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